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## DIRECT EXAMINATION

- Q (By Lieutenant Raff) Will you state your name, grade, organization, and your present assignment?
- A Basilio Hernandez, Major, AGA; presently Chief of Casualty Division, AGO.
- Q Where do you live?
- A In Manila; 949 Benavides, Santa Cruz, Manila.
- Q Major, were you with the American and Filipine forces at the time of the surrender in April, 1942, on Bataan?
- A Yes, I was.
- Q Now, based on the records presently in the A. G. Office, and from your knowledge, having been on Bataan at the time of the surrender, can you tell the Commission the number of Filipinos, Philippine Army forces, in Bataan at the time of the surrender?
- A Approximately 53,000.
- Q Will you repeat that?
- A Approximately 53,000.
- Q Can you estimate the number of Philippine Scouts that were in .... Bataan at that time?
- A I quite remember there were 12,000 Philippine Scouts before the outbreak of the war. I understand they were all committed to Bataan at the date of surrender, but I can't tell the exact number at the date of surrender. I know they were committed before the date of surrender.
- Q. Can you give us an estimate?
- A Around six or seven thousand.

LIEUTENANT RAFF: You may cross exemine.

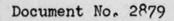
CAPTAIN OTT: No cross examination.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Any questions by the Commission?

(No response.)

GENERAL DONOVAN: The witness is excused.

(Witness excused).



## CERTIFICATE

I, Alva C. Carpenter, Chief, Legal Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, do hereby certify that Document 2879 is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the testimony offered by BASILIO HERNANDEZ in the trial of the case against Masaharu HOMMA, General, Imperial Japanese Army, before a Military Commission in Manila; and that the whole record of the case, including the transcript of all testimonies taken, as well as the affidavits admitted in evidence, are now on file with this Section.

/s/ Alva C. Carpenter
Alva C. Carpenter,
Chief, Legal Section

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard

Sworn to before me this 21st day

of November 1046, Tokyo, Japan.

John R. Pritchard

Capt., Inf. Summary Court.

直接調問

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